



## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

**DATES:** Closed to the public Wednesday, February 15, 2023 from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the closed meeting is the Executive Conference Center, 4075 Wilson Blvd., Floor 3, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin Doxey, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (703) 571-0081 (Voice), (703) 697-1860 (Facsimile), [kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5 U.S. Code (commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix)), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (commonly known as the Government in the Sunshine Act), and sections 102-3.140 and 102-3.150 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Science Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its February 15, 2023 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification

requirement.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD's scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB's mission. DSB membership will meet to discuss the 2023 DSB Summer Study on Climate Change and Global Security ("the DSB Summer Study").

**Agenda:** The meeting will begin on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. with administrative opening remarks from Mr. Kevin Doxey, DFO, and a classified overview of the objectives of the Summer Study from Dr. Eric Evans, the DSB Chair. Next, the DSB members will meet in a plenary session to discuss classified strategies for anticipating the global stresses and possible conflict due to climate change. Following a break, the DSB members will hear a classified briefing from Dr. Steven Wax, Acting Deputy Chief Technology Officer (Science & Technology), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering (OUSD(R&E)), regarding OUSD(R&E) environmental research and development oversight. Following a break, Mr. Richard Kidd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment and Energy Resilience, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment, will provide a classified briefing on the environment and energy resilience portfolio. Next, Ms. Iris Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Arctic and Global Resilience, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, will provide a classified briefing on arctic and global resilience. Following a break, members will then meet in a plenary session to discuss classified strategies for anticipating the global stresses and possible conflict due to climate change. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

**Meeting Accessibility:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(d) and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that the DSB meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering, in consultation with the DoD Office of the General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because

it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meetings. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DSB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering.

**Written Statements:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3) and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DSB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the DSB DFO at the email address provided in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section at any point.

Dated: February 14, 2023.

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